



FREEDOM WATCH



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News briefs

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Five Afghans medevaced

BAGRAM, Afghanistan — At a press conference at Bagram Air Base, Col. Roger King, Combined Joint Task Force - 180 Public Affairs officer, said three medevacs of local nationals occurred this weekend. A 20-year-old Afghan from the Qala-e-Nasro village struck a mine Sunday. He was taken for treatment to Bagram Air Base, where he is in stable after medical personnel amputated his left foot. Another Afghan was medevaced from Tarin Khovt to Kandahar Air Field Sunday after suffering massive trauma to his right hand, leg and foot caused by a hand grenade. He is currently in stable condition. In addition, three Afghans were medevaced from Deh Rawod to KAF Saturday because a 3-year-old was shot in the face, a 17-year-old shot in the right thigh and the father shot in his right calf and forearm. All patients underwent surgery and are currently in stable condition.

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Goldsmith: Customs part of natl. sec.

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BAGRAM, Afghanistan — With the holiday rush creeping up, soldiers stationed in theater will be trying to mail out gifts across the globe to their loved ones.

But there are a few guidelines and regulations that must be followed before shipping items. Consequences for violating these policies could seem like a bad nightmare.

“Customs is much a part of national security as what you do,” said Creighton W. Goldsmith, Bagram Air Base military customs advisor. “We have been protecting American borders for more than 200 years, keeping out foreign enemies that you can’t see — like plant diseases, pests and insects.”

Goldsmith also stressed that trying to

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Lt. Col. Tom O'Hara, Minnesota Corps of Engineers, speaks with students from the Bagram School for Girls as he passes out supplies donated by McNair Elementary School on Fort Bragg, N.C.

McNair Elem. donates supplies to local school

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BAGRAM, Afghanistan — Last Saturday a school in Afghanistan received a surprising gift from a couple of schoolhouses five thousand miles away

The 450th Civil Affairs Battalion from Riverdale, Md., visited the Bagram School for Girls to present them with supplies donated by McNair Elementary School in Fort Bragg, N.C., and a school in St. Paul, Minn.

“We dropped off school supplies

that were donated to (Lt. Gen. Dan McNeil, Combined Joint Task Force – 180 commander) by an elementary school on Fort Bragg,” said Maj. Mark Cepiel, who was in charge of the convoy that visited the site.

“I am here to help deliver the supplies that were sent from Minnesota,” said Lt. Col. Tom O'Hara, a representative of the St. Paul, Minn., Corps of Engineers.

It might have been the best day the school, that teaches first to sixth-grade girls, has had in a couple years, considering its recent de-

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mail off weapons has been a key problem in recent years.

"I can recall cases where there was conspiracy to smuggle Ak-47s to the United States illegally," Goldsmith said. "There was a lot of bad publicity for the command, because a senior officer was involved."

Be sure to know the rules before attempting to send off items. Here is a brief listing of some of the rules in the Central Command area of responsibility:

- ❖ General Order 1 states the taking or retaining of individual souvenirs or war trophies is prohibited. However units can request retention of historical artifacts by contacting Maj. Philip Karns, Combined Joint Task Force - 180 historian, at DSN 303-587-5699, e-mail SIPRNET CJTF180-49MHD-DIR or NIPRNET philip.karns@us.army.mil.

- ❖ Any controlled substances and other

dangerous drugs.

- ❖ Drug paraphernalia.

- ❖ Goods made by convict or forced labor.

- ❖ Destructive devices (e.g. explosive caps, hand grenades, tear gas, projectiles, artillery simulators).

- ❖ Explosives and flammables.

- ❖ White phosphorus matches.

- ❖ Counterfeits of coins, securities, obligations, postage or revenue stamps and colored illustrations of postage stamps of the U.S. or other foreign countries.

- ❖ Lottery tickets and advertisements for any lottery.

- ❖ Obscene or immoral articles, books, pictures, films or publications.

- ❖ Articles of medicines for the induction of abortions.

- ❖ Articles originating in embargoed countries. Updated lists of embargoed countries may be found at www.treas.gov/ofac.

- ❖ Certain wildlife and wildlife parts and prod-

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Military customs advisor

ucts that are prohibited by federal law and the convention on international trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora.

- ❖ Firearms, ammunition and implements of war.

- ❖ Trademark items (to include music downloaded from music Web sites).

- ❖ Foreign reprints of U.S. copyrighted material, provided that they are intended for personal use.

- ❖ Switchblade knife or any knife with a blade that opens automatically by the action of inertia or gravity (spring-loaded knives are authorized to personnel when the knife is a government issue item).

- ❖ Alcoholic beverages, as permitted by law of the U.S. state of desti-

nation.

- ❖ Prescription drugs provided they are hand-carried, and must be in the original labeled container and not loose.

- ❖ Wildlife and wildlife parts and products.

- ❖ Animal and poultry products.

- ❖ Plants and plant products.

- ❖ Importation of animals and insects that present a hazard to the indigenous U.S. life are also prohibited.

- ❖ Commercially dried, cured or processed fruits and vegetables, such as cured figs and dates or dried peas and beans, are unrestricted.

- ❖ Any firearm (including any firearm with a matchlock, flintlock, percussion cap or similar type of ignition system)

manufactured in or before 1898; or any replica of any firearm is unrestricted.

Antique firearms do not fall within the purview of the Federal Gun Control Act. Therefore antique firearms may be imported into the U.S. without obtaining an import license. It is important to note the definition of antique firearms does not include AK-47's AK-74's RPK machine guns and many other firearms available in Afghanistan, and therefore those weapons may not be transported in the U.S. as antique firearms.

They maybe imported in to the U.S. as historical artifacts.

Any questions regarding antique firearms may be addressed on the CJTF-180 Web site under the Provost Marshal Office section, or call DSN 303-587-6095. Customs inquiries maybe addressed at the Bagram PMO or the aforementioned phone number.

Something to think about ...

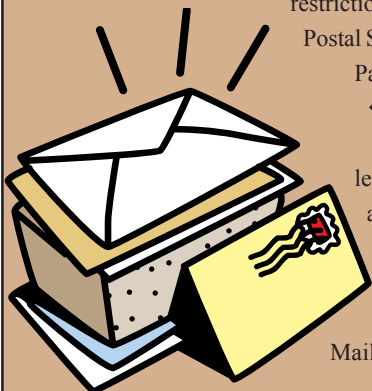
Before you mail a package, be aware that there are size and weight restrictions when using the United States Postal Service.

Packages cannot:

- ❖ Weigh more than 70 pounds.

- ❖ Be bigger than 130 inches in length and width for Space Available Mail and Military Postal Service.

- ❖ Be bigger than 108 inches in length and width for Priority Mail.



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spairing history.

The Taliban closed down the school because girls were not allowed to learn, but before that happened it was a very productive education facility.

"I'm very happy the Americans are here," said Mohammad Mostafa, a teacher at the school for the last two years. "Because of them we have the freedom to teach these girls all they need to learn for a better tomorrow."

By accepting the supplies the school can enhance its teaching in math, Dari and Pashtu languages, geography, history, drawing, writing and science.

"This was an opportunity to show Afghanistan that the American public is interested in what goes on here," Cepiel said.

"This says that we are fulfilling with the development of the country," O'Hara said. "Schools are important in the infrastructure of Afghanistan in the long term."

HIND SIGHT

1620

The Pilgrims reach Cape Cod.

1863

Lincoln delivers the "Gettysburg Address" at the dedication of the National Cemetery at the site of the Battle of Gettysburg.

1911

New York receives first Marconi wireless transmission from Italy.

1969

Apollo 12 touches down on the moon.

1973

New York stock market takes sharpest drop in 19 years.

1981

U.S. Steel agrees to pay \$6.3 million for Marathon Oil.

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Iraq situation tense

BAGHDAD, Iraq — U.N. chief weapons inspector Hans Blix has described the atmosphere in Baghdad as "tense" as he arrived with a team of assistants to seek any weapons of mass destruction. Blix, head of the U.N. commission responsible for searching for chemical and biological weapons and missiles, arrived in the Iraqi capital on Monday with a 30-strong team of inspectors. "We have come here for one single reason and that is because the world wants to have assurances that there are no weapons of mass destruction in Iraq," Blix said.

Officials confirm bin Laden's voice on tape

WASHINGTON — U.S. intelligence officials have concluded that the voice on the audiotape broadcast last week by TV network Al-Jazeera is "almost certainly the voice of Osama bin Laden" and that it was recorded in the last several weeks. Officials said that although they believe the tape is genuine, they have no way to be sure. White House spokesman Scott McClellan confirmed these conclusions and said the audiotape "is a reminder that we are at war on terrorism."

Bagram Air Base MWR movies

The Bagram Air Base Morale, Welfare and Recreation staff present "Scooby Doo" tonight at 1530Z at the MWR building.

Tomorrow's movie will be "Reservoir Dogs," showing at the same time.

Local weather

TWO-DAY REGIONAL WEATHER REPORT:

	<i>Today</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>
Bagram:	<i>Partly cloudy</i> H: 66F L: 36F	<i>Sunny</i> H: 68F L: 36F
Kandahar:	<i>Dusty</i> H: 70F L: 43F	<i>Dusty</i> H: 66F L: 43F
Kabul:	<i>Partly cloudy</i> H: 61F L: 34F	<i>Partly cloudy</i> H: 59F L: 34F
Uzbekistan:	<i>Sunny</i> H: 59F L: 31F	<i>Sunny</i> H: 63F L: 32F

Weather forecast courtesy of the Bagram Combat Weather Team

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The Day in Sports

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Buckeyes drop after narrow escape

Miami finally moved atop the Bowl Championship Series standings — by the slimmest of margins.

The defending national champion Hurricanes squeaked past Ohio State, which needed overtime to beat Illinois 23-16 Saturday, in the latest standings released Monday. They edged the Buckeyes by 0.01 points, and the top two BCS teams have never been closer.

Miami, No. 1 in the *AP* media and coaches' polls, has 3.69 points to top the standings for the first time this season, while Ohio State has 3.70 points. Washington State is third with 9.11 points.

The tight margin will be meaningless if Ohio State (12-0) and Miami (9-0) — the only unbeaten teams remaining — win the rest of their games. The top two teams in the final BCS standings released Dec. 8 will play in the national title game at the Fiesta Bowl in Tempe, Ariz., on Jan. 3.

"The BCS really hasn't entered my mind," Miami coach Larry Coker said. "I don't think it's entered the minds of our players much. It's one of those things that's totally out of our control."

The Buckeyes' close win over Illinois was partly to blame for their drop. Ohio State lost the No. 1 spot in *The New York Times* computer poll to Miami this week, increasing its computer-rank average to 1.50 while the Hurricanes' was lowered to 1.33. That ranking is an average of seven different computer polls.

Miami, which did not play Saturday, also picked up points when its strength of schedule went from 1.60 to 1.36 this week. Ohio State, which has a composite total of 4.50, is so close to Miami because of a 0.8-point quality-win deduction for a victory over BCS No. 3 Washington State earlier this season.

Ohio State plays its regular-season finale against No. 12 Michigan (9-2) at home Saturday. Miami, which has won 31 straight games, hosts No. 17 Pittsburgh (8-2) on Thursday, then plays at Syracuse (4-7) and home against No. 13 Virginia Tech (8-2) on Dec. 7 to close out the season.

The Buckeyes are not concerned with the latest BCS standings.

"I don't care. It doesn't matter," Ohio State free safety Donnie Nickey said. "If we're 1 or 2, we're in the game. Let's do it."

The BCS formula uses the *AP* media and coaches' polls, computer polls, strength of schedule, win-loss record and a bonus-point system.

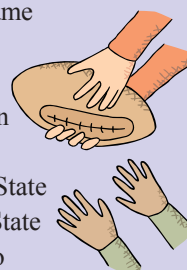
Miami has 3.69 points - 1 for poll average, 1.33 for computer-rank average, 1.36 for strength of schedule, zero for losses and no bonus-point deduction.

Ohio State has 3.70 points - 2 for poll average, 1.50 for computer-rank average, 1.00 for strength of schedule and a 0.8 bonus-point deduction.

Washington State would be the biggest beneficiary if Ohio State or Miami slips up. Also hoping for help are No. 4 Oklahoma (10.75) and No. 5 Georgia (12.16). Notre Dame moved up one spot to No. 6, putting it in position to make a BCS bowl game.

2002 Bowl Championship Series

TEAM	TOTAL
1. Miami, Fla.	3.69
2. Ohio State	3.70
3. Washington State	9.11
4. Oklahoma	10.75
5. Georgia	12.16
6. Notre Dame	13.13
7. Iowa	13.66
8. USC	15.54
9. Michigan	22.82
10. Texas	25.46
11. Kansas State	29.07
12. Florida State	29.25
13. Colorado	32.65
14. Florida	33.27
15. Penn State	36.48



2002 Heisman Trophy candidates



Byron Leftwich, QB, Marshall

Season stats: 191-for-289 for 2,995 yards, 19 TDs, 7 INT

Ken Dorsey, QB, Miami

Season stats: 134-for-244 for 2,019 yards, 20 TDs, 8 INTs

Philip Rivers, QB, N.C. State

Season stats: 169-of-247 for 2,421 yards, 17 TDs, 7 INTs

Chris Brown, RB, Colorado

Season stats: 215 carries for 1,406 yards, 14 TDs

Willis McGahee, RB, Miami

Season stats: 160 carries for 1,034 yards, 16 TDs

Matthews demoted for second time

Losers of two straight contests, and with their play-off chances slipping away, the Washington Redskins and coach Steve Spurrier have made yet another change at the quarterback position.

Spurrier told his quarterback corps on Monday morning, then reiterated at an afternoon press conference, that Shane Matthews will be demoted from No. 1 to No. 3 on the depth chart and replaced by either Danny Wuerffel or first-round draft choice Patrick Ramsey for Sunday's game against St. Louis.

"Shane has struggled, but it's not all his fault," said Spurrier, who is making his fifth quarterback switch since the week leading into the regular season. "The offense has struggled. We've struggled in pass protection. So it's not all on Shane. But we want to see what the other guys can do."

Only three weeks ago, Spurrier essentially said he was married to Matthews for the balance of the year. Of course, he earlier made a similar comment about Ramsey, who has started two games this season.

While it appears Wuerffel and Ramsey could split snaps at the beginning of the week, league and team sources told **ESPN.com** Monday morning that Spurrier is leaning heavily toward starting the former against the Rams. He would, however, give playing time to Ramsey as well, as Spurrier continues to seek a viable quarterback around whom he can build.

2002 National Football League standings

American Football Conference

East

(3) Miami	6-4	.600
N.England	5-5	.500
N.Y. Jets	5-5	.500
Buffalo	5-5	.500

North

(4) Pittsburgh	5-4-1	.550
Cleveland	5-5	.500
Baltimore	4-6	.400
Cincinnati	1-9	.100

South

(2)Tennessee	6-4	.600
(6) Indianapolis	6-4	.600
Jacksonville	5-5	.500
Houston	2-8	.200

West

(1) San Diego	7-3	.700
(5) Denver	7-3	.700
Oakland	6-4	.600
Kansas City	5-5	.500

National Football Conference

East

(4) Philadelphia	7-3	.700
N.Y. Giants	6-4	.600
Washington	4-6	.400
Dallas	3-7	.300

North

(1) Green Bay	8-2	.800
Detroit	3-7	.300
Minnesota	3-7	.300
Chicago	2-7	.222

South

(2) Tampa Bay	8-2	.800
(5) N.Orleans	7-3	.700
(6) Atlanta	6-3-1	.650
Carolina	3-7	.300

West

(3) San Francisco	7-3	.700
St. Louis	4-5	.444
Arizona	4-6	.400
Seattle	3-7	.300



"Can I get a large pepperoni, with extra cheese?"



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